

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8, without prejudice. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1 - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A surface lighting device comprising:

a surface light source in which light-emitting element groups having three light-emitting elements, which correspond to three primary colors of light, arranged to be contiguous with vertexes of a triangle are arranged in a matrix shape;

a substrate on which the light-emitting element groups are arranged; and

a diffusion plate which is located above the surface light source,

wherein the light-emitting element groups are arranged to be deviated every other column or row such that a positional relation among the light-emitting element groups is a delta shape, and

a row interval, a column interval, and an arrangement angle of the light-emitting element groups are adjusted such that, when it is assumed that an average amount of light calculated from a sum of amounts of light of the single color light-emitting elements is 100%, a sum of amounts of light of the respective single color light-emitting elements at a center of gravity of the delta shape and a center of gravity of a diamond shape formed by two delta shapes is between 75% and 125%.

7 - 8. (Cancelled)